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**FROM THE HONORABLE JOHN BLAIR.**

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SIR,

In the hurry I was in yesterday to finish my letter &c lest I should detain Miss Bassett too long, I believe I forgot to inform you that with respect to any claim which may now be made in Right of a deceased officer or soldier, it was the opinion of the Board that under the words of the King's proclamation it is necessary that such officer or soldier should have personally appeared to claim his proportion, and that when that has not been done, the claim cannot survive to his Representative.

Col Byrd has certified that Alexr. Finnie made personal application for the land he was entitled to, under the proclamation, & I understand his son is to have that.

In the order I sent you yesterday I mentioned how far the several grantees were interested in the different grants; which I thot' was proper that in case of any dispute that might arise on the partition hereafter to be made, it might appear from the order itself how it ought to be settled—But I suppose the forms of the Secretary's office will not admit of its being

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so expressed in the patents but that they will be made out in the same manner as to joint tenants equally interested.

I am, sir, yr most respectful & obed Sert. JOHN BLAIR